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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the document which is listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

1. Chinese Patent Application No. 1246485 A, published March 8, 2000 with English Abstract.

One copy of the listed document is submitted herewith.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language document, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a corresponding Chinese Office Action dated March 3, 2006, and an English translation of the pertinent portions thereof, which cite such document and indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent.

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